MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir, with reference to part (*b*) (i) whether he had any experience in Travancore about the water works scheme?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Allotment and expenditure for the Trivandrum Water Works.

282. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the Budget allotment for the Trivandrum Water Works for the year 1105; and

(*b*) the actual expenditure incurred during the year up to the end of Mithunam?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 15 lakhs.

(*b*) Rs. 6,11,572.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to part (*b*), may I know, Sir, why it was not possible for the Engineer to spend all the Rs. 15 lakhs allotted?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Probably they were not able to execute all the works intended to be executed during the year.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know why he was not able to execute the works when funds were sanctioned for that purpose?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Probably they did not find it easy to execute the work and that is why the funds lapsed.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Why can't you call for information and submit it, Mr. Krishna Pillai? You can now claim notice and supply it on a future occasion.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): When I asked the learned member he answered that he did not find it easy to spend the amount. Will he please explain the word 'easy'?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: He meant 'probably'. I told Mr. Krishna Pillai that it would be more satisfactory if the Government calls for detailed information and place correct information before the House instead of speculating. He therefore claimed notice. That is an end of it, Mr. Nilakanta Pillai.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): My grievance is—

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: I follow you.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : I am making a statement before the President. I asked two questions; the total allotment made and the actual expenditure incurred.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That has been given.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Then my grievance is whether the supplementary question now put arises and whether a member is to be credited with notice?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : It may rise. But when the Secretary is not in a position to answer, he has to be given notice.

Details of expenditure on the Trivandrum Water Works.

283. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the actual expenditure incurred for the Trivandrum Water Works during the year 1105 up to the end of Mithunam, will the Government be pleased to state the expenditure incurred under the following heads :—

(*a*) establishment charges;
(*b*) supply of materials; and
(*c*) actual execution of works?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Rs. 35,510.
(*b*) Rs. 3,98,655.
(*c*) Rs. 1,77,407.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know, Sir, the works for which this one lakh and odd rupees were spent?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether any single item of work has been completed?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Works to the extent of Rs. 1,77,407 were executed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : What are the details of the expenditure incurred or the details of the works carried out?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : He said, he wanted notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Then absolutely no purpose is served by answering the question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Absolutely nothing is lost in your including the supplementary question with the original notice.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : I gave 12 days' notice.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Quite so. That question has been answered duly. Now, as a supplementary question, no doubt allied to the subject, you want some extra information. If he is in a position to give that, he will give it. If he is not in a position to give it, he will claim notice.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I have to point out to the Chair that I sent detailed questions calling for information. But Government took it into their head to object to some of the questions. That is defeating the very object of interpellations.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You mean with reference to this question?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Yes, Sir; a series of questions were asked. He is now claiming notice.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You cannot discuss the propriety of those rulings. Some questions have been answered. Some of the questions which were against the rules were returned. Since the Government member says that he is unable to answer the question without fresh investigation you have to give him notice. Accept his statement, and be done with.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I have a point of order. The one hour allotted for questions has now elapsed; and therefore no more time could be spent over this question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Yes, I was thinking of it.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There have been instances on previous occasions in which the President has allowed more than one hour for interpellations.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The standing order is very clear.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Ramasubba Aiyar tells me that on former occasions the question time was extended. I am now asking him under what Rule or Standing Order is the President empowered to exercise his discretion in the matter.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The rule says:—

"The first hour of every sitting shall be available". It means that *at least* one hour should be available, and it does not mean that more than one hour could not be made available for the purpose.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: "The first hour of every sitting shall be available for the asking and answering of questions." It does not mean that further time should not be allowed. Sometimes you may be able to finish it earlier.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) If members do not want answers, I am not very particular.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That is not the question. I merely wanted to know what my rights are.

How many questions more?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to the Legislative Council*): Eight.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: All right, let us finish them.

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